

PART III

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
(TRANSPORT-II BRANCH)**

NOTIFICATION

The 21st January, 2016

No. S.O.3/C.A.59/1988/Ss.99 and 100/2016.-Whereas the Governor of Punjab is of the opinion that for the purpose of providing an efficient, adequate, economical and properly coordinated road transport services, it is necessary in public interest that the City Bus Service in the urban areas falling within the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Limits of a town, Municipality or City Corporation, as the case may be, including sub-urban areas upto 5 Kms. or as may be specified should run and operated by the State Transport Undertakings as defined under sub-section (42) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 59 of 1988) to the complete or partial exclusion of the operation of the routes operated by other persons;

AND WHEREAS in exercise of the powers conferred by section 99 of the aforesaid Act, the proposal regarding the City Bus Service Scheme for the aforesaid purpose was formulated and published for inviting objections and suggestions therein *vide* Government of Punjab Department of Transport, Notification No. S.O.4C.A.59/1988/Ss. 2, 99 and 100/2015, dated the 23rd January, 2015, in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 100 *ibid*,

AND WHEREAS, the objections or suggestions received in response to the aforesaid proposal have been considered by the State Government, as required under sub-section (2) of section 100 *ibid* and the same have been rejected;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(3) of section 100 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Government of Punjab is pleased to make the following scheme regarding the City Bus Service for the aforesaid purpose, namely:-

SCHEME

1. (1) This scheme may be called the City Bus Service Scheme,2016.

- (2) It shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "City Bus Route" means the route to be operated by the City Bus Service in the area of the Municipal Limits of a town, Municipality or city, urban estate, as identified by the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab; and
 - (b) "City Bus" means motor vehicle constructed or adopted to carry passengers including driver and conductor as a public service vehicle within the area of Municipal Limits of a town, Municipality or city, urban estate, or other local area, the drawings of which may be approved by the State Transport Authority, Punjab from time to time.
- 3. The stage carriage permits for operation of the City Bus Service shall be granted by the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab subject to the following conditions, namely:-
 - (i) The operation of the City Bus Service shall exclusively be allowed to the State Transport Undertakings on the city bus routes falling within the Municipal limits on the basis of passengers and road transport need, as specifically assessed by the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab so recommended by the concerned Commissioner, Municipal Corporation or Deputy Commissioner of the District, as the case may be, for the said purpose from time to time.
 - (ii) The operation of the City Bus Service on the routes falling within the limit of Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Urban Estate area shall be permitted to extend upto 5 kms on the basis of passenger and road transport need, as specifically assessed by the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab so recommended by the concerned Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation or the Deputy Commissioner of the District to provide the City Bus Service in the surrounding sub-urban area beyond the Municipal limits in public interest. The five Kms. length of the route, so extended, shall be counted from the last exit point of the Municipal Corporation area;

Provided that where there is no passenger transport service facility available beyond the surrounding area of 5 Kms from the Municipal limits, in that case the City Bus Service may be allowed to extend up to 10 Kms. beyond the Municipal limits in public interest.

- (iii) The existing stage carriage permits issued in the light of the Notification No. S.O.13/C.A.59/1988/Ss.99 and 100/2008 dated 19.2.2008 and Notification No. 284/C.A.59/1988/Ss.99 and 100/2010 dated 31.08.2010 for operation of the City Bus Service shall remain in force.

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